## Plan

The United States federal government should provide substantial support for the civil society capabilities of the youth movement in Yemen.

## \*\*Advantage – Civil War\*\*

### We botched the latest agreement and have caused more unrest in Yemen. The JMP has switched sides and now supports the government, and while the Youth remain the only hope for a peaceful transition, their voice is being blocked by the Yemeni security forces and the JMP.

Morrow 12-31

Will Morrow, 12-31-2011, “Yemen “unity” government shaken by mass protests,” http://www.wsws.org/articles/2011/dec2011/yeme-d31.shtml

At least 13 people were killed on

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the GCC agreement.

### Yemen is a powder keg – the plan is key to avert civil war

IHT 11

International Herald Tribune, 9-15-2011, “Yemen used deadly force at protests, U.N. says; Region in Revolt,” ln

A U.N. report says the

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simply give up power.

### Yemeni Civil war turns Yemen into a failed state, splits it apart, and thrusts the entire region into conflict

Kagan 10 – resident scholar and director of the Critical Threats Project at AEI

Frederick W. Kagan, resident scholar and director of the Critical Threats Project at AEI, 1-20-2010, “Yemen: Confronting Al-Qaeda, Preventing State Failure,” http://www.aei.org/speech/100119

Salih faces two potentially

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a serious al Qaeda safe-haven.

### Civil War will send armed refugees to collapse Saudi Arabia

Haykel 11

Bernard Haykel, prof of ME studies @ Princeton, 8-19-2011, "Saudi Arabia's policy of stability at all costs may backfire," http://www.dailystar.com.lb/Opinion/Commentary/2011/Aug-19/Saudi-Arabias-policy-of-stability-at-all-costs-may-backfire.ashx#axzz1VTwlaPFP

Today, the Saudis see

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Iran in the long run.

### Saudi Collapse leads to regional conflict

Indyk 11-- vice president and director of the Brookings Institution’s foreign policy program

Martin, Amid the Arab Spring, Obama’s dilemma over Saudi Arabia, 4/7/11, http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/amid-the-arab-spring-obamas-dilemma-over-saudi-arabia/2011/04/07/AFhILDxC\_story.html

And the Saudi system is

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Americana in the Middle East.

### Yemeni instability causes Saudi draw-in and escalates regionally

Salmoni et al 10

Barak Salmoni, Bryce Loidolt, and Madeleine Wells, 4-28-2010, “Regime and Periphery in Northern Yemen," RAND Corporation, http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG962.html

Over the past three years,

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begin where the Qatar process ended.

### ME war causes global draw-in.

Symonds ‘6

Peter Symonds. December 22, 2006. http://www.wsws.org/articles/2006/dec2006/iraq-d22.shtml

The sharpening rivalry between

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powers not to be drawn in.

### Yemeni democracy is being blocked by the US’ focus on counterterrorism, fortunately the plan answers the call of the youth revolution and changes our focus ensuring a peaceful transition

Karman 11 – elected leader of the youth movement in Yemen

Tawakkol Karman, an elected leader of Yemen’s democratic youth movement, is the founder of Women Journalists Without Chains, 6-18-2011, “Yemen’s Unfinished Revolution,” http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/19/opinion/19karman.html?pagewanted=all

We have reached this historic moment

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encouraging development and stability.

### U.S. support is key to legitimizing the youth movement and solving in Yemen

Abubakr 11

Abubakr ⋅ August 16, 2011, “Taking a chance on a democratic Yemen,” <http://www.kabobfest.com/2011/08/taking-chance-democratic-yemen.html>

Should the youth movement

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for the US and the West.

### The Youth Revolution is key to the overall revolution – they’re gathering support and figuring out what needs to happen

Root 11

Tik Root, 8-16-2011, “Yemen's youth: the best hope for democracy,” http://english.aljazeera.net/indepth/opinion/2011/08/201181514211383535.html

The JMP, which is

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, democratically chosen.

### Youth revolution is increasing ties to the north and south movements – their support is key to making the transition peaceful

IkhanWeb 11

IkhanWeb 3-14-2011, “Yemen Seeking Reform Through Revolution,” http://www.ikhwanweb.com/article.php?id=28214

However, negotiation is only

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timeline and agenda.

### All your democracy bad turns are nonunique – Yemen already democratized once but it backslid in 2006

-economy

-terrorism

-democracy

-overpop

Burke 10 – researcher @ FRIDE

Edward Burke, researcher @ FRIDE, May 2010, “Assessing Democracy Assistance: Yemen,” online

Prospects for democracy in Yemen have

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enthusiasm with regard to Yemeni participation.

## \*\*Advantage – AQAP\*\*

### AQAP is making a grab for the youth revolution – influencing them is key to topple Saleh and deal AQAP a death-blow

Détente International 11

Détente International, 4-22-2011, “AQAP After Saleh: What Happens To Al-Qaeda If The Yemeni Revolution Succeeds?,” http://detenteinternational.org/2011/04/22/aqap-after-saleh-what-happens-to-al-qaeda-if-the-yemeni-revolution-succeeds/

In a clear attempt to appeal

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ultimate undoing here.”

### The threat of AQAP attacking the US is real – US aid and youth revolution is key to disrupting their foothold

CSM 11

Christian Science Monitor, 3-21-2011, “Yemen will be the big test for democracy vs. Al Qaeda,” http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/the-monitors-view/2011/0321/Yemen-will-be-the-big-test-for-democracy-vs.-Al-Qaeda

Unlike Tunisia, Egypt,

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the emptiness of its promise.

### We have the fastest timeframe – AQAP is working on a WMD attack in the US in the near-term

Grossman 11

Elaine M. Grossman, Global Security Newswire, 6/10/11, “Panetta: Yemeni Support for Counterterrorism Persists, Despite Instability” http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\_20110610\_2715.php

Attacks targeting the United States

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"still actively plotting attacks."

### Bioweapons lead to extinction

Ochs 2

Richard, June 9, pg. <http://www.freefromterror.net/other_articles/abolish.html>.

### Regional AQAP attacks would close the Bab al-Mandeb straits

Juneau 10

Thomas Juneau, Fall 2010, “ Yemen: Prospects for State Failure - Implications and Remedies,” online

The possibility of AQAP’s increasingly using its safe haven as a launching pad for terrorist operations is the most worrying potential implication of a failed Yemen. Low and decreasing government

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in Yemen after their release.

### Those attacks are being planned now

-increased maritime activities

-proximity to Bab al Mandab and the Red Sea

Lindo et al 11

Samuel Lindo, Michael Schoder, and Tyler Jones, researchers with the CSIS transnational threats project, July 2011, “Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula,” CSIS case study 3

In 2025, AQAP will likely

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appealing partner for AQAP.

### Closure of the Bab al-Mandab would close off the Suez Canal – diversion of oil to the East-West oil pipeline prevents oil shocks but everything else is vulnerable

EIA 11

Energy Information Administration, February 2011, “World Oil Transit Chokepoints,” http://www.eia.gov/cabs/World\_Oil\_Transit\_Chokepoints/Full.html

The Strait of Bab el-Mandab

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the Bab el-Mandab.

### While oil is being routed elsewhere in the world, LNG traffic has no alternative, and is vulnerable to closure of the Bab al-Mandeb strait

EIA 11

Energy Information Administration, February 2011, “World Oil Transit Chokepoints,” http://www.eia.gov/cabs/World\_Oil\_Transit\_Chokepoints/Full.html

Total Oil and Products Total oil

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through the canal.

### High natural gas prices destroy the chemical industry, sending the entire manufacturing industry in a downward spiral which destroys the economy

Bjacek 6

Paul Bjacek, staff writer, 11-6-2006, ICIS chemical business America, “Lost Manufacturing” ln

LOST MANUFACTURING or

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industry competitiveness.

### Econ decline causes global catastrophe and nuclear war

Harris and Burrows 9 – PhD in History and Statistical analyst

Mathew, PhD European History @ Cambridge, counselor in the National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Jennifer is a member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis” <http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f_0016178_13952.pdf>

Increased Potential for Global

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in a more dog-eat-dog world.

### Only strong US-Yemeni relations can end AQAP by ending anti-Americanism and recruitment

Green 11

Daniel Green is a Soref fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, focusing on Yemen, al-Qaeda, counterinsurgency, and stability operations, 4-18-2011, “The American Moment in Yemen,” http://fikraforum.org/2011/04/the-american-moment-in-yemen/

It is becoming increasingly

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against the United States.

### Now is the turning point, the youth of the Yemen population ensures that whatever action or non-action the US takes will define relations for years to come. Lack of action guarantees total collapse of relations.

Turse 11

Nick Turse, 4-28-2011, “Hueys Over Yemen: Is U.S. Aid Suppressing Another Mideast Freedom Struggle?,” http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nick-turse/us-yemen-aid\_b\_855079.html

Earlier this month, Tawakul

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their freedom struggle.

### Yemen is key

Lindo et al 11

Samuel Lindo, Michael Schoder, and Tyler Jones, researchers with the CSIS transnational threats project, July 2011, “Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula,” CSIS case study 3

Al Qaeda in the Arabian

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counterparts in Yemen.

### This transitional period and protests in Yemen make now the only chance to end AQAP forever

Lindo et al 11

Samuel Lindo, Michael Schoder, and Tyler Jones, researchers with the CSIS transnational threats project, July 2011, “Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula,” CSIS case study 3

The current protests

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of extremist activities.121